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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced that three local fire departments will receive funding under the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) program. This announcement follows Arcuri's announcement on January 27th, 2010 when seven other departments received AFG funding.

"I am pleased that the Department of Homeland Security has included these three additional departments in their funding announcements this year," **Arcuri said.** "Providing the funding necessary to allow our local fire fighters to be best equipped to do their job is critical to their safety and the overall safety of our community."

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) AFG program awards grants in two areas. The first is the Operations and Safety Program Area in which funding is used for training, equipment, wellness and fitness and health and safety modifications to the facilities. The second is the Vehicle Acquisition Program Area would allow departments to purchase various types of rescue vehicles including ambulances, hazardous materials clean up vehicles, tankers and pumper trucks.

Below are the Fire Departments in the 24th Congressional District that will be receiving AFG grants:

Candor Fire District - Operations and Safety - \$45,315

East Maine Fire Company - Operations and Safety - \$84,788

City of Cortland Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$41,716

Below are the departments that received AFG funding in Arcuri's January 27th, 2010 announcement:

Morris Fire Department - Vehicle Acquisition - \$261,250

Harpursville Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$42,386

Van Hornesville Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$35,663

Borden Hose Company - Operations and Safety - \$47,975

Whitesboro Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$77,520

Bridgewater Fire Company - Operations and Safety - \$42,047

Ilion Fire Department - Operations and Safety - \$40,375

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